



1970s

1972

Feb 17 – MARTA completes the purchase of the Atlanta Transit System

1975

*Feb 19 – MARTA Groundbreaking
Start of construction on MARTA rail lines*

1979

*June 30 – Opening of East Line from Avondale to Georgia State
Dec 22 – Opening of West Line from Hightower (H.E. Holmes) to Georgia State*

1980s

1981

Dec 4 – Opening of North-South Line from Garnett to North Avenue

1982

Sept 11 – Extension of North Line from North Avenue to Arts Center and South Line from Garnett to West End

1984

Dec 15 – Extension of North Line from Arts Center to Brookhaven/Oglethorpe University and South Line from West End to Lakewood/Fort McPherson

1986

*Start of Douglas County Rideshare
Aug 16 – Extension of South Line from Lakewood/For McPherson to East Point*

1987

Dec 19 – Extension of Northeast Line from Brookhaven/Oglethorpe University to Chamblee

1988

June 18 – Extension of South Line from East Point to Airport

1989

July – CCT begins service

1990s

1992

Dec 12 – Opening of Proctor Creek Line from Ashby to Bankhead and extension of Northeast Line from Chamblee to Doraville

1993

June 26 – Opening of East Line Extension from Avondale to Indian Creek

1996

June 8 – Opening of North Line from Lindbergh to Dunwoody

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Dec 16 – Opening of North Line extension from Dunwoody to North Springs

2001

June 1 – CCT opens Marietta Transfer Center

Oct 1 – Start of C-TRAN local bus service in Clayton County

Nov 1 – Start of Gwinnett County Transit express bus routes

Nov – GRTA Signs agreement to operate express service in 11 counties

2002

Summer – CCT Opens Marietta and Kennesaw (Busbee) Park & Rides

Nov – Start of Gwinnett County Transit local routes

2003

City of Canton starts shuttle services

2004

June 4 – Start of GRTA Xpress service in Clayton, Coweta, Douglas, Forsyth, Henry, and Rockdale counties

Start of the bus Circulator in Buckhead

July – CCT opens Acworth P&R

Dec – Start of Atlantic Station Shuttle

2005

Start of GRTA Xpress service in Fulton, Paulding, and Cobb counties and additional services in Rockdale County

May 23 – Opening of Armour Yard

Dec – Start of conversion of MARTA rail system to the Breeze System

2006

Start of GRTA Xpress service in Gwinnett County and additional services in Clayton, Cobb, and Douglas counties

Cherokee County starts express bus service to Downtown Atlanta

2007

Start of GRTA Xpress service in DeKalb County and additional services in Clayton, Cobb, and Fulton Counties

Jan – Cherokee County (Cherokee Area Transportation System) joins the GRTA Xpress system

Feb – Cobb Community Transit Implements Breeze Card

July 1 – Breeze conversion complete on MARTA's fixed route bus and in rail stations

Fall – Opening of GRTA Park & Rides in South DeKalb, Powder Springs, and Riverdale

Nov – Cherokee Area Transportation System (CATS) takes over operation of Canton service

2008

Winter – Opening of GRTA Park & Ride in Stockbridge and Cumming and additional services in Henry and Rockdale counties

Spring – Conversion of GRTA Xpress System to Breeze System (Anticipated)

Summer/Fall – Conversion of C-TRAN and Gwinnett Transit to Breeze System (Anticipated)

Fall – Groundbreaking of MARTA Memorial Drive BRT (Anticipated)

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